STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION Consent Item

October 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0571, Career and Technical Education and Adult General Education Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1004.92, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department is responsible for developing program standards and industry-driven benchmarks for career and technical education and adult general education programs. The criteria for qualification of individual courses for inclusion in secondary and postsecondary career education programs and adult general education programs prescribed in Workforce Education programs are annually adopted by the State Board and are published by the Commissioner on the Department's website.

Section 1004.92(2)(b)(4), Florida Statutes, requires, "The development of program standards and industry-driven benchmarks for career, adult, and community education programs, which must be updated every 3 years. The standards must include career, academic, and workplace skills; viability of distance learning for instruction; and work/learn cycles that are responsive to business and industry.

This amended rule will include the adoption of 2 new career certificate programs: Industrial Machinery and Controls Technician (1,200 clock hours) and Certified Production Technician (300 clock hours) and 2 college credit certificates (CCC). The first CCC is Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Applications (24 credit hours) that is a stackable credential toward the award of the Unmanned Vehicle Systems Operations AS degree. The second CCC is Intelligence Studies (16 credit hours) that is a stackable credential toward the Computer-Related Crime Investigations AS degree.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-6.0571, F.A.C. and Curriculum Frameworks: Law, Public Safety & Security; Manufacturing; and Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (under separate cover)

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